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| For: | TREATMENT OF GRANULAR SOLIDS IN AN ANNULAR FLUIDIZED BED WITH MICROWAVES | | |

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 5, 2008 in which claims 1-25 were subjected to restriction. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I (*i.e.*, claims 1-15 and 24-25). As is set forth in detail below, this election is made with traverse.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.